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## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
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- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-17 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.\* 1-11 \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on 23.08.2005 with letter of 22.08.2005
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
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1.	Statement		
	Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-11</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-11</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-11</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
2.	Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		
	Reference is made to the following documents:		
	D1: US-A1-2003/165451		
	D2: EP-A-1 013 256		
	D3: WO-A-2004/066918		
	<p>1.</p> <p>1.1 Claim 9 is worded as dependent on claims 1-7. The composition indicated therein is, however, more general than the composition in claim 1. Consequently, there are doubts as to the scope of protection sought by claim 9. The objection could be addressed by deleting the composition from claim 9.</p> <p>1.2 The description has not been brought into line with the claims. Similarly, the closest prior art has not been acknowledged.</p> <p>2. The subject matter of the present claims is novel, since none of the documents discloses preparations containing a composition according to claim 1.</p> <p>D1 (see claims; examples; paragraphs 135-138) discloses cosmetic compositions for protecting the skin, e.g.,</p>		

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against sunlight (weather-related negative environmental influences) with an aqueous and an oily phase. The oily phase contains a semicrystalline polymer. The compositions contain an organic powder, thickening agents, solvents and further cosmetic constituents. D1 does not disclose any preparations containing a cross-linked polyester and a triblock-, star-, radial-, or multiblock polymer as per claim 1.

D2 (see claims; examples; paragraphs 35-39) discloses cosmetic compositions for hair containing oils, a film-forming polymer and a water-absorbing powder. The preparations contain thickening agents, solvents and further cosmetic constituents.

D2 does not disclose any preparations containing a triblock-, star-, radial- or multiblock polymer as per claim 1 and a cross-linked polyester.

D3 is relevant only to an assessment of novelty in a European regional phase. D3 discloses (see D3: examples; claims; page 17, line 5, page 20, line 15) cosmetic compositions containing triblock polymers and cross-linked polyesters (see table 1: Versagel (triblock), Lexorex 200 (cross-linked polyester)). In addition, the preparations can contain fillers in powder form, comprising powders that are indicated in the present claim 1 (see D3: page 29, line 19 - page 31, line 6). The presence of an emulsifier in D3 does not constitute a difference with respect to the subject matter of claim 1, since the presence of an emulsifier is not excluded. An objection concerning the lack of novelty of claim 1 with respect to the disclosure of D3 therefore would

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therefore appear to be justified in a regional European phase.

**2.2** D1 can be considered the closest prior art.

D1 discloses preparations containing a cross-linked polyester and a triblock-, star-, radial- or multiblock polymer as per claim 1. The applicant has shown plausibly that the presence of a cross-linked polyester together with a triblock-, star-, radial- or multiblock polymer leads to a synergistically higher water-resistance (less release of dye in the test). The technical problem with respect to D1 as the closest prior art would then be the provision of cosmetic compositions for protecting the skin, said compositions containing powder and polymers, and improved water-resistance.

A person skilled in the art intending to solve this problem would obtain no suggestion from the available prior art (D1, D2) as to producing preparations as per claim 1, i.e. as to adding to the preparations of D1 a cross-linked polyester and a triblock-, star-, radial- or multiblock polymer as per claim 1. An inventive step can therefore be acknowledged.